

Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference

Western District of Texas

10.5 hours CLE applied for

September 28-29, 2000

Austin, Texas

Thursday, September 28

Cruise Directors: Judge Frank R. Monroe
Debbie Langehennig



The Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Court is repeating its successful Bench Bar Conference -- this year at the newly renovated and historic Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas. Attendance will be limited to 125 this year, so register early! Again, every effort will be made to see that each Division within the District is represented at the Conference.

Returning this year, the Western District is proud to present our own Bogey and Bacall - Professor Jay Westbrook and Deborah Williamson, to bring us up to date on pre-millennium case law and legislation. Congress, once again, lives up to our expectations.

We will again offer the opportunity for roundtable discussion (and golf on Friday afternoon). The Clerk's Office will be recruiting volunteer attorneys to train for our new Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system. We would also like to explore the possibility of forming a WDTX Bankruptcy Bar Association, to act as an umbrella organization for the divisional bar associations, and to hold our Bench Bar money.

Join us in the Capitol City -- Texas' answer to the left coast. We hear that Sandra Bullock will be auditioning extras for her new movie to be filmed in Austin, based on Westbrook's latest novel, *The Fragile Middle Class*. Lots of bankruptcy lawyers will be needed for this one.

- 8:30 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
Chief Judge Larry E. Kelly (Cyberjudge)
- 8:45 a.m. **Recent Developments/New Legislation**
Professor Jay Westbrook, Austin
Deborah Williamson, San Antonio



Credit card company representatives await the unsuspecting fly/consumer debtor.

- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Chapter 7 Trustee Panel**
"Dances with Wolves"
- Dan Roberts, Austin*
Randy Osherow, San Antonio
Janet Casciato-Northrup, Midland/Odessa
Andy Krafur, El Paso
James Studensky, Waco
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch with the Judges**
Honorable Richard Schmidt, Corpus Christi
- 1:00 p.m. **Breakout Session**
1. Business Workouts, *Jack Stone, Dallas*
Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen: Resistance to Turnaround Professionals by Debtor's Management
 2. Form Chapter 13 plan for WDTX?
"Mission Impossible?" or
"Field of Dreams" *Build it and they will come*
Judge Larry Kelly
Al Olson, San Antonio
Ray Hendren, Austin/Waco
Phyllis Bracher, El Paso
Gary Norwood, Midland/Odessa

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. **Criminal Law and Bankruptcy (Ethics)**

"Title 18: The Phantom Menace"

"Don't get caught in The Matrix"

Bill Harris, U.S. Attorney's Office, San Antonio

Henry Hobbs, U.S. Trustee's Office, Austin

4:00 p.m. **Appellate Procedure/Issues**

"No Whine Before Its Time" or

"The Gods Must Be Crazy"

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks, Austin

5:00 p.m. **Cocktail Reception**

Schmooz on the Cruise

Tom Cruise bartending?

Friday, September 29

9:00 a.m. **Litigation Strategies for Bankruptcy Lawyers**

Idiosyncratic Uses of Rules 12 and 26, or
learning to live with subpoena envy

Harrel Davis, El Paso

10:00 a.m. - **Judges' Panel**

11:30 a.m. *Judge Kelly, Clark, King and Monroe*

"Men in Black" or

Hear No Evil, See No Evil, Speak No Evil,

Do No Evil (Who's Who?)

(Judge Monroe Sez: We're Taking Roll; Be
Sure and Act Interested)



The Cruise Directors consult with a member of the Judges' Panel.

Hotel Accommodations

For room reservations, please contact:

The Driskill Hotel

604 Brazos Street, Austin, Texas

tel: (512) 474-5911

fax: (512) 474-2214

A special block of rooms has been reserved at the conference rate of \$135 single/double. Please mention that you are with the **Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Conference**. The hotel will release all unused rooms on the **cutoff date of September 8, 2000**. You must make reservations by this date in order to get the special rate.

Registration Form

The registration fee is **\$200**. Please make your check* payable to: **Travis County Bar Association**, and mail to **Debbie Langehennig, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 903 San Jacinto, Suite 332, Austin, Texas, 78701**.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Telephone _____

Please indicate which breakout session you wish to attend:

9/28 1:00 p.m.

☐ Business Workouts

☐ Drafting form Chapter 13 plan

☐ Check here if you are interested in playing golf on Friday afternoon, or call Debbie Langehennig at (512) 916-5875.

* Sorry, but for this conference we cannot process credit cards.